

# STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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### OFFICIAL NOTICES

#### Fifty-Seventh Annual Session

The 1928 meeting of the California Medical Association will be held at Sacramento, April 30 to May 3 inclusive. So closely associated is Sacramento with the beginning of medical history in California that it is particularly fitting that the California Medical Association should occasionally make a pilgrimage to the place of its birth. An account of the organization at Sacramento of the Medical Society of the state of California in 1856 will appear in a later issue.

The city of Sacramento must be given the credit of having established the first Board of Health in California on March 22, 1862. Drs. F. W. Hatch, J. F. Montgomery, T. M. Logan, and Ira E. Oatman were its members. The duties and powers of the board and the duties of physicians and others were defined. This was the second City Board of Health in the United States, the first having been organized in the city of Boston a few years previously.

Among present members who formerly practiced in Sacramento are: Thomas B. Huntington, a pioneer of antiseptic surgery; D'Arcy Power, James H. O'Connor, Albert McKee, Mark Woolsey, Charles D. McGettigan.

Members who were born in Sacramento are: Wallace I. Terry, Stanley Stillman, George Ogden, Charles B. Pinkham, Edward Twitchell, and Gerald G. Fitzgibbon.

#### Official Headquarters

The Hotel Senator will be official headquarters. Those who plan to attend the meeting should make reservation early.

#### Meeting of the Council

The next meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association will be held in the English room of the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, on March 24, 1928.

### Amendments to the Constitution

#### Second Printing

#### Enabling Act

Amend Article XII of the Constitution relating to Amendments by striking out the existing article and substituting in lieu thereof, the following:

The House of Delegates at any annual meeting including the meeting at which this amendment is adopted may amend any article of this constitution by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and acting; provided that any amendment to the constitution is submitted in writing and laid on the table for twenty-four hours previous to being considered and acted upon.

#### Article XII

#### Incorporation

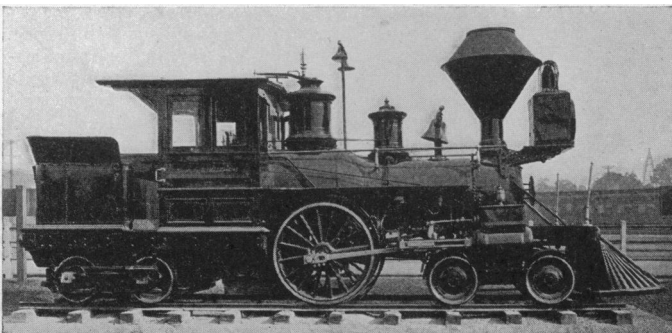
To aid in carrying out the object of the Association, the House of Delegates at any session of any regular or special meeting thereof, may by a two-thirds vote of the members thereof present and acting, authorize, empower and direct the Council to cause the formation and organization of a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of California, without capital stock, with such incorporators, name, purposes, objects, principal place of business, term, number of directors and directors to serve for the first year and until their successors are elected, and with such provisions regarding the voting power and property rights and interests of the members of the corporation and such further provisions in the Articles of Incorporation thereof, and with By-Laws and composed of such members representing this Association as the Council shall prescribe, fix and determine. The House of Delegates may at its option in connection with the granting and giving of such authority, power and direction to the Council, prescribe, fix and determine any or all of such matters pertaining to the said corporation, its Articles of Incorporation, and any provision thereof, By-Laws and membership, and its action thereof shall bind the Council; and the House of Delegates at any session of any regular or special meeting thereof may by a two-thirds vote of the members thereof present and acting, authorize, empower and direct the Council to grant, assign, transfer, convey and deliver to the said corporation upon the formation thereof without any consideration therefor, any property, real or personal, of the Association, which authorization, power and direction may be given prior or subsequent to the formation and organization of said corporation.

#### Correction of Error in December Journal

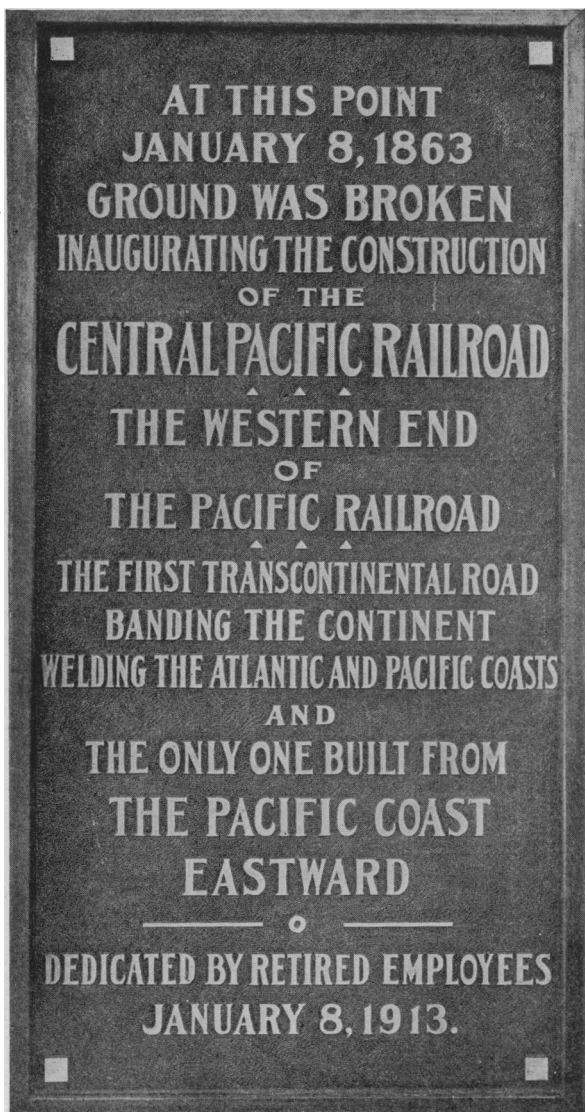
William H. Bucher, M. D., of Olive View Sanatorium, was erroneously reported deceased, in the December issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. William H. Bucher, D. D. S., was the man who died at the French Hospital in Los Angeles, on September 11, 1927.

The use of the title Dr in place of the proper degrees, the identity of the names and of the place of residence are doubtless responsible for this error.

A letter from Doctor Bucher of Olive View Sanatorium states the announcement is a mistake and requests correction, which we are glad to make.



Old locomotive, Engine No. 1. First on Transcontinental Railroad. Engineer Lonergan is still living. (On exhibit at Sacramento.)



Tablet erected at First and K Streets, Sacramento, to mark terminus of first Transcontinental Railroad.

## COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

### ALAMEDA COUNTY

The December meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association was held at the Ethel Moore Memorial Building, Monday, December 19, 1927.

Doctor Royer discussed Korsakoff's disease, presenting cases to demonstrate the outstanding symptoms of loss of memory with memory gaps filled with wide confabulation. Doctor Royer pointed out that Korsakoff's syndrome may occur with or without multiple neuritis and that the pathology is chiefly a diffuse involvement of the cerebral cortex with changes which are chiefly in the bodies of the cells with intact nuclei. Doctor Royer emphasized the importance of elimination and careful feeding in the treatment, pointing out that practical starvation often exists in these patients.

Dr. N. Austin Cary read a paper on "Some Interesting Foot Lesions, with Special Reference to Osteitis." He reviewed the pathology of these conditions, including Paget's disease, Perthe's disease, Madelung's disease, Kohler's disease, and hypertrophic osteoarthropathies, illustrating his discussion with case reports and urging the importance of early diagnosis in order that correct treatment might be started promptly.

Following Doctor Cary's paper Miss Frances Stern, chief of the Food Clinic of the Boston Dispensary,

discussed in some detail the work of that institution. She emphasized the importance of food and diet in the treatment of disease and demonstrated the need for an organization able to translate the doctor's food prescriptions into menus.

There being no business the meeting adjourned.

GERTRUDE MOORE, *Secretary*.

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### LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles Obstetrical Society was held on January 10. Drs. A. M. Muchnic and N. Kavinoky presented a case report of congenital atresia of the esophagus, and detailed the origin as a faulty development of the trachea in most instances. The patient died at thirteen days, a week after a gastrostomy. Doctor Kavinoky discussed a possible operative mode of treatment to enclose the lower esophagus and later join the two segments.

Dr. L. G. McNeile discussed resuscitation of the asphyxiated infant. After detailing the various methods that have been used, he expressed his preference for tracheal catheterization combined occasionally with carbon dioxide-oxygen inhalation and tongue traction. Alpha-lobelin has given him satisfactory results. He brought out incidentally that the tracheal catheter was first advocated in 1780 and demonstrated the use of the catheter in a very convincing manner.

Dr. A. J. Scott in discussing the immediate treatment of intracranial hemorrhage noted that hemorrhagic disease probably was the cause of as many cases of intracranial hemorrhage as was traumatic injury. After citing several cases he gave treatment of first, injection of whole blood from a parent; second, lumbar or cisternal puncture; and third, rest with the absolute minimum of handling.

Dr. S. F. Stewart, by invitation, presented his work on sections of the gray rami of the sympathetic nerves in treating spastic paralysis resulting from intracranial injury. He follows the work of Royal and Hunter of Australia, and the results have been most gratifying. His paper was illustrated by moving pictures of patients before and after operating.

The meeting was attended by a larger audience than was any session for the last two years.

WILLIAM B. THOMPSON,  
*Secretary Obstetrical Section.*

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### ORANGE COUNTY

The thirty-ninth annual meeting and banquet of the Orange County Medical Association was held at the Ebell Club, Santa Ana, at 7 p. m., January 12, 1928, with about eighty persons present.

Following a fine dinner was a program of speaking and musical numbers. Dr. Danforth C. Cowles of Fullerton, retiring president, read a paper, "A Review of 1927." Dr. J. I. Clark of Santa Ana was toastmaster and installed the officers for 1928. Dr. Dexter R. Ball, Santa Ana, who for the past five years has been secretary-treasurer of the Association, will be the president for 1928; Dr. E. J. Steen, Fullerton, vice-president; and Dr. F. Harold Gobar, Fullerton, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. C. D. Ball, father of the president-elect, is the only remaining charter member of the organization. He gave a short talk, recalling characters and incidents of the days past.

Mrs. R. A. Cushman and Dr. G. M. Tralle gave short talks. Rev. George A. Warmer of the First Methodist Church of Santa Ana, gave the main address of the evening on "Hospital Mindedness."

F. HAROLD GOBAR, *Secretary*.

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### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Meeting of the Riverside County Medical Society was called to order in regular session, President Jones presiding. The minutes of the meeting were read and approved as read.

New Business—Doctor Telford of the State Board of Health was present and spoke on the health work of Riverside County and State generally. He commended the program as worked out in Riverside County and urged that the doctors use their influence

to continue this program as closely as possible. Following his talk the subject was discussed by several members, and Dr. W. W. Roblee presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Riverside County Medical Society hereby reiterates its opinion previously expressed, that a full-time combined health organization for the city and county of Riverside is most desirable, and we urge that the present plan of cooperation between Riverside County and City, the State Board of Health, and the International Health Board be continued.

This resolution was duly seconded and on vote was adopted and copies of this resolution ordered sent to the mayor of the city of Riverside, the president of the State Board of Health, the Board of Supervisors, and the International Health Board.

Membership—The application of Reynold D. Smith, was voted on and he was unanimously elected to membership in the society.

The name of Howell Babcock, graduate of Jefferson Medical College, year 1915, was submitted for membership. Doctor Babcock came to Riverside from the New York County Medical Society where he has been in practice in New York City for the past six years, holding several clinical positions. Doctor Babcock is now in general practice. Application was recommended by Bon O. Adams, and Will H. Holmes.

Program—The program of the evening consisted of a symposium on the thyroid gland as follows:

Presentation of type cases—W. W. Roblee.

Anatomy and pathology (lantern slides)—Paul E. Simonds.

Differential diagnosis and medical treatment—W. W. Roblee.

Basal metabolism and x-ray treatment—P. F. Thuresson.

Surgical treatment—C. R. Geith.

This symposium was very interesting, and active discussion was participated in by various members.

Buffet supper was served at close of evening.

THOMAS A. CARD, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

Minutes of the meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society, held at the San Bernardino County Hospital, January 3, 1928.

Meeting was called to order by the president at 8:15.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Doctor Moseley reported for the County Hospital committee.

Transfers to Santa Clara County Medical Society were granted to A. W. Donaldson, Lenore D. and C. R. Campbell.

W. M. Chapman and Marcus D. White were admitted to membership in San Bernardino County Society.

The program of the evening was then entered upon:

Appendicitis: Its Complications and Treatment—P. M. Savage. Discussion opened by E. L. Tisinger.

Amebiasis—G. S. Landon. Discussion opened by F. S. Modern.

Supper at 10:30.

There were forty-two present.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50.

E. J. EYTINGE, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN DIEGO COUNTY

The last society dinner of the old year was featured by an excellent discussion on child welfare by members of the local society. The discussion was opened by a carefully thought out paper by Doctor Cordua, director of child hygiene for the city and county of San Diego.

The following is a digest of Doctor Cordua's talk:

Preventive medicine is being sponsored by lay groups because medicine's great battle for the preser-

vation of human life and health is no longer being fought against bacteria; it is being waged against the greatest of all evils—Ignorance.

A superficial study of the causes of death in any community forces the conviction that some time before the critical moment of birth the life of the child has been so beset with the hazards of ignorance, social and economic environment, as to make the ordinary struggle for existence pale into insignificance.

The public has definitely awakened to the fact that there is no more important work than that of providing adequate care for the expectant mother as well as proper environment and living conditions in the home in which the child begins his life.

The ear of the most advanced of the medical profession is attuned to the message of childhood, and it remains for those who consider themselves entitled to speak for the children to put this message into form for the rest of the medical profession to consider. Since the need for child protection in the matter of positive health is recognized we must begin at the moment of conception to prepare the young life for the fullest enjoyment of a good mental and physical inheritance.

Let us then attain this ideal and strive to provide adequate prenatal care for every mother in America. Let us make it our business to see that every child has the food which an all-wise providence has provided. The outstanding fault in breast feeding is its low incidence. Let us demand for the community's children that which the wisest mother demands for her child: *viz.*, proper hygienic surroundings, early instruction in the elements of hygiene and good health and a periodic health evaluation which shall include a complete physical examination, an inventory of the child's health and social habits, and his emotional life.

To provide these essentials for all children is to recognize a wise economy. It is infinitely more expensive to any community to allow children either to die prematurely or to come to adult life ill prepared or maladjusted.

This venture requires teamwork. A cooperative alliance between the medical profession and lay organizations is not only desirable, but is essential to the best interests of all.

The discussion of this admirable presentation was entered into at some length by Doctor Wier from the standpoint of the obstetrician, Doctor Thornton as representing the pediatrician, Doctor Andrews from the standpoint of the psychiatrist. Doctor Welpton from the viewpoint of the clubwoman, stated during her remarks that the program of the associated women's clubs called for one meeting a month on public welfare. Dr. Will Potter discussed from the standpoint of the general practitioner.

The December meeting of the Mercy Hospital staff was treated to an excellent program on heart conditions, illustrated by moving pictures of the action of the organ. Dr. Harry Spiro of San Francisco, who gave the talk, will be gladly welcomed again to San Diego when he can find it convenient to call.

On Saturday, January 7, the society was the guest of the Scripps Metabolic Clinic, whose directors, Colonel Milton A. McRae and Mr. J. C. Harper, tendered a dinner at the Casa de Manana in honor of the clinic's guest, Doctor Sturgis of Michigan University. After the dinner the guests reassembled in the auditorium of the La Jolla Women's Club where Doctor Sturgis gave a clear-cut talk on our latest knowledge on pernicious anemia as worked out in his laboratories at Ann Arbor. His paper will appear in a future issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

ROBERT POLLOCK.

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#### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The stated meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held January 5, 1928, in the hall of the Medico-Dental Club, 242 North Sutter Street. In the absence of the president, Doctor McGurk, first

vice-president, presided. The meeting was called to order at 8:45 p. m. Thirty-three were in attendance. Those present were: Drs. S. R. Arthur, J. W. Barnes, E. L. Blackmun, J. F. Blinn, H. S. Chapman, Fred J. Conzelmann, J. D. Dameron, J. F. Doughty, Linwood Dozier, C. F. English, William Friedberger, E. Frost, Percy B. Gallegos, Minerva Goodman, R. R. Hammond, Sam Hanson, Charles D. Holliger, J. P. Hull, H. E. Kaplan, Boyd M. Krout, G. H. La Berge, R. T. McGurk, W. T. McNeil, F. G. Maggs, F. S. Marnell, F. J. O'Donnell, George H. Sanderson, L. E. Tretheway, A. L. Van Meter, G. J. Vischi, and B. F. Walker. Dr. O. D. Hamlin of Oakland and Mr. Hartley F. Peart, attorney for the California Medical Association, guests and speakers of the evening. Visitors: Mr. M. Shaughnessey and Mr. E. Arthur.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The committee on admissions reported favorably on the applications of Drs. Boyd M. Krout and Dietrich V. Wiebe. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution the Chair declared Doctors Krout and Wiebe duly elected active members of this society.

Communications from the president, Dr. J. J. Sippy, Dr. Linwood Dozier, Dr. Ernest C. Griner, and Dr. H. E. Kaplan were read and ordered filed.

Drs. H. E. Kaplan, L. Dozier, G. H. Sanderson, C. D. Holliger, and Dewey R. Powell presented the following resolution as an amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That the officers of the San Joaquin County Medical Society be elected by a popular ballot;

That the president and vice-president serve, ex-officio, as members of all standing committees;

That the secretary of the society be a member of the board of directors;

That the nominations take place one month prior to the election, and that the ballots be sent to all members of the society so that they can vote whether present or absent at our annual election.

Moved by Doctor Walker and seconded that the proposed amendment be voted on at the next regular meeting of the society, as provided by the Constitution. The motion carried.

Doctor McGurk made a few brief remarks relative to the work of the Legal Committee, of which he is the chairman.

The president presented Doctor Hamlin of Oakland, who gave a splendid talk on the subject, "County Hospitals of the State of California." He emphasized the need of organizing an efficient social system, which will in most instances be sufficient to eliminate pay patients from county hospitals. For every patient admitted to a county hospital, whether he pays or not, increases the taxes. Show the taxpayers that pay patients in the county hospitals are increasing the cost and they will be ready to regulate admissions to county hospitals. When in doubt about a pay or non-pay patient, admit him but do not charge him.

Mr. Hartley F. Peart, attorney, followed Doctor Hamlin and gave a splendid talk on the legal problems involved in the conducting of private and county hospitals. The practice of medicine involves many problems; the invasion of cultism is a serious one, and the service clubs, insurance companies, industrial medicine pay clinics, health centers, free tuberculosis hospitals, hospitals for crippled children, as well as county hospitals tend to eliminate the general practitioner, lessen his income and have a trend toward state-controlled medicine. To adjust all the various problems in medicine we must get a united thought of the medical profession. It must be accomplished through the efforts of our associations: county, state, and national. Through the unifying power of our associations we will become conscious of our common interests and above all conscious that, while there is endless variety and color and interest in our profes-

sion, there is but one interest in our association and that one interest is to move as a united body to accomplish life's greatest ends in medicine. The speaker suggested that carefully planned publicity and education of the public was one way to accomplish our aims. Legislation must be carefully guarded. The question of state medicine and hospitals is economic, political, and scientific. A lively discussion followed in which many of the members participated, and many questions were asked and answered by the speakers.

Doctor Doughty moved that the Legal Committee be encouraged to continue its good work with the advice of the state council so that its aims may be accomplished. The motion was seconded and carried.

Moved by Doctor Dozier and seconded that the society extend a rising vote of thanks to the speakers of the evening. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 p. m.

FRED J. CONZELMANN, *Secretary*.

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#### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The annual meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held at the University Club on January 9, 1928, with President H. E. Henderson in the chair.

At the banquet preceding the meeting there were present thirty members of the society and three guests.

During the dinner Dr. Rexwald Brown presented to the society the following resolution, which was signed by all the members present, and copies of which were to be forwarded to Senators Johnson and Shortridge:

We, the members of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society, do sincerely appeal to you to assist in revising the Revenue Act, which as interpreted by the Commission of Internal Revenue, places on our, and the shoulders of the entire medical profession of the United States, a discriminatory tax.

We appeal for relief from discrimination with respect to the deduction of traveling expenses to medical meetings. The relief has been granted to other professions, and we are unable to understand why the medical profession is subject to the seeming injustice.

Doctor Profant then rendered several songs which were greatly enjoyed by all present, and also led the society in singing a few numbers.

At the conclusion of the dinner Dr. Van Paing introduced Dr. Ramon Ostaja, who spoke on telepathy, hypnosis, levitation and self-induced hypnotic states. He demonstrated mental telepathy by discovering a hidden pencil and demonstrated a cataleptic state, during the stages of which pulse readings were made.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. Edgar Gilcreest of San Francisco, gave a most illuminating discourse on the life and works of Sir William Osler. The talk was extremely interesting and held the audience spell-bound for over an hour.

The society then went into executive session. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that Dr. Francis J. Hombach and Dr. Clarence T. Roome be admitted into membership.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the resignations of Doctors Varick, Culler, and L. B. Coblentz be accepted.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that Dr. C. S. Stoddard be made an honorary life member of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society, no further assessments for dues to be made against him.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that Dr. Edgar T. Gilcreest of San Francisco be invited by the Santa Barbara County Medical Society, his expenses to be paid by it, to talk before a joint meeting of the Service Clubs on "Quacks and Quackery."

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried, that this society go on record as endorsing the whole-

sale inoculation of all children against diphtheria by toxin-antitoxin, and that all means possible be used to dispense this information to the general public.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

W. D. Sansum, president; N. H. Brush, vice-president; W. H. Eaton, secretary-treasurer; H. G. Hanze, Solvang, first vice-president at large; O. C. Jones, Santa Maria, second vice-president at large. Delegate for two years, H. J. Ullmann. Alternate for two years, F. R. Nuzum.

The president then appointed, first, a program committee consisting of Doctors Brush, Means and Eaton, and, second, Board of Censors consisting of Dr. Samuel Robinson (chairman), Drs. Rex Brown and Ed L. Markthaler.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

WILLIAM H. EATON, *Secretary*.

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#### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

The initial meeting of the Santa Cruz County Medical Society for 1928, primarily a business session, was held in Santa Cruz on January 10. The following members were present: Bettencourt, Cowden, Dowling, Eiskamp, Farmer, Fehlman, Gaynor, Hatch, A. L. Phillips, P. T. Phillips, W. A. Phillips, Randall, Sullivan, and Woodard.

It was decided to distribute the fee schedule, adopted by the society last year, in printed form among the members. Plans for scientific programs during 1928 were discussed and Dr. Jesse Farmer was placed in charge of the programs for the year. The next gathering of the society will take place some time in March, and will be under the auspices of the members residing in the San Lorenzo Valley. Ben Lomond will probably be selected as the meeting place, and we are anticipating a delightful evening around the fireplace in that interesting mountain community's library.

Election of officers for the year resulted as follows: Ehler Eiskamp, Watsonville, president; W. E. Fehlman, Santa Cruz, first vice-president; M. Bettencourt, Watsonville, second vice-president; Samuel B. Randall, Santa Cruz, secretary-treasurer. Dr. A. L. Phillips was selected as the society's delegate to the annual state convention, with Dean Woodard as alternate. The following censors were elected: Grant Hatch (1929), Liles (1930), and P. T. Phillips (1931).

Following the business of the evening, Dr. Stanley Dowling, who recently returned from an extensive European tour, entertained the group with interesting reports of his trip, especially emphasizing the economic and surgical aspects of medical practice as found on the continent.

SAMUEL B. RANDALL, *Secretary*.

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#### TULARE COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held at Motley's Café in Visalia, following dinner at 6:30 p. m. The meeting was called to order by President Zumwalt. Members present were: Doctors Hicks, Newton Miller, Zumwalt, Tourtillott, Ginsburg, Rivin, Seligman, Bond, Gilbert, Campbell, Fowler, Betts, Lipson, Furness, and Kahn. Election of officers was held, and the secretary instructed to cast a white ballot for each of the following: W. W. Tourtillott, president; L. L. Seligman, vice-president; H. G. Campbell, secretary-treasurer; J. R. Hicks, censor. E. R. Zumwalt, delegate. W. W. Tourtillott, alternate.

The secretary was instructed to draw up a resolution of sorrow at the loss of our esteemed member, John Colwell Paine, who died at the Kaweah Hospital in Visalia on Sunday, December 4, of influenzal pneumonia. He had served the society well, both as president and as secretary, for many terms.

Dr. Frank R. Ruff of the Burnett Sanitarium of Fresno was present, and gave us a talk on x-ray path-

ology illustrated with lantern slides. His talk was more than interesting, and a vote of thanks was tendered Doctor Ruff by the society.

Meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock.

HORACE G. CAMPBELL, *Secretary*.

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#### YUBA-SUTTER COUNTY

The Yuba-Sutter Medical Society held a meeting on January 17 at which G. S. Delamere, Marysville, was elected president for the ensuing year.

F. W. Didier, Wheatland, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The credentials of Russell R. Craft (late of Twin Falls, Idaho), were accepted and he was admitted as a member.

A regular meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in each month.

F. W. DIDIER, *Secretary*.

#### DEATHS

**Adam, George.** Died at Los Gatos, December 20, 1927, age 84 years. Graduate of the Jefferson Medical College, Pennsylvania, 1880. Licensed in California, 1887. Doctor Adam was an honorary member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Dahl, William Z.** Died at Sacramento, January 11, 1928, age 47 years. Graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, California, 1904. Licensed in California, 1918. Doctor Dahl was a member of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Fox, Willard H.** Died at Los Angeles, age 66 years. Graduate of the Albany Medical College, New York, 1888. Licensed in California, 1895. Doctor Fox was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Friedlander, David.** Died at San Francisco, January 8, 1928, age 50 years. Graduate of the Cooper Medical College, California, 1898. Licensed in California, 1898. Doctor Friedlander was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**McClurg, Katherine L.** Died at Piedmont, December 28, 1927, age 55 years. Graduate of the Cooper Medical College, California, 1902. Licensed in California, 1902. Doctor McClurg was a member of the Alameda County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Myers, George R. B.** Died at Napa, January 13, 1927, age 52 years. Graduate of American Medical Missionary College, Illinois, 1903. Licensed in California, 1910. Doctor Myers was a member of the Napa County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Nicholls, Robert J.** Died at Auburn, December 16, 1927, age 47 years. Graduate of the Medical Department of the University of California, 1904. Licensed in California, 1904. Doctor Nicholls was a member of the Placer County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

**Paine, John C.** Died at Visalia, December 4, 1927, age 44 years. Graduate of Rush Medical College, Illinois, 1909. Licensed in California, 1910. Doctor Paine was a member of the Tulare County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

**Tuggle, Samuel P.** Died at Stockton, December 18, 1927, age 65 years. Graduate of the Medical Depart-

ment of the University of California, 1889. Licensed in California, 1889. Doctor Tuggle was a member of the San Joaquin County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

## OBITUARIES

### Henry Francis Wagner

The medical profession suffered a severe loss in the untimely death of Dr. Henry Francis Wagner in the San Francisco Hospital on October 24, 1927. At the time of his death Doctor Wagner was only thirty-one years of age, but he had already given promise of a brilliant career. The cause of his death was an infection contracted during the course of his clinical work to which he devoted much of his time.

The young physician was descended of pioneer stock on both sides. His father, who survives him, had long



HENRY FRANCIS WAGNER

ago made a name for himself nationally in the field of otolaryngology. His mother was the daughter of the late Hall McAllister.

After graduating from the medical school of the University of California young Wagner attended the University of Pennsylvania where he received the degree of Master of Medical Sciences. At the latter institution he was, as a graduate student, associated with Dr. Chevalier Jackson, the eminent bronchoscopist, and pursued advanced studies and research work in pathology under the direction of Doctor Kolmer.

The next two and a half years he spent in graduate work in Vienna, devoting much time to the intercranial complications of middle-ear infections. Here he worked under such eminent specialists as Professor Ruttin, Stefan Loos, and others.

On returning to California Doctor Wagner became affiliated with the University of California Hospital, and extended his clinical opportunities by joining the staff of the Mary's Help Hospital, at which institution he was visiting surgeon, in charge of the nose, ear, and throat department.

Although only on the threshold of his professional career at the time of his death he had already earned the respect and confidence of some of the most eminent specialists in his field. Quite as significant, however, was the host of personal friends he made both within and without the ranks of his chosen profession. His genial, kindly manner and ready sympathy made friends for him everywhere but especially endeared him to children, who quickly attached themselves to him, and to the needy poor to whom he gave generously of his skill.

Even in his last moments the engaging personality that played so large and characteristic a part in his life, did not desert him. After the onset of the angina, realizing that death was inevitable—and unable to use

his voice—he wrote many notes to those about him. In one of these he expressed regret that he must die without giving to his patients the advantages of his twelve years of special training.

In this physical and mental agony his face courageously again and again flashed that honest cheery smile that had instantly and enduringly endeared him to all.

To a nurse who bid him good-night on the last evening with "I will see you in the morning, Doctor," he smiled and truly wrote "I will not be here in the morning," and before morning Dr. Henry Francis Wagner had met death like the brave young soldier he was.

### Wallace Alvin Briggs

In the death of Dr. Wallace Alvin Briggs his family, his community and the entire medical profession suffered a loss no one can estimate. To have known this noble man and his estimable wife was a rare privilege and is a sacred memory. Their home was hospitable, without pretense or patronage.

Doctor Briggs was, first of all, a gentleman with a helping hand and a responsive heart whose conscience, with his sense of right and justice, was his law of action.

In medicine, for which he did much both officially and professionally, he was both a pioneer and a connoisseur, always ready to supply what appeared to be lacking in material and technique and prompt to test all remedies that promised relief of suffering, but safely conservative in final approval and adoption of any measure.

He was strong in his convictions, positive in his statements, yet always tolerant and open to reason. Courageous without egotism, genial and confidential without pretense or sophistry. Modest to the point of obscuring his own personality in his desire and effort to support and strengthen a brother physician.

Among many gracious acts of Doctor Briggs our members gratefully remember that in 1895 it was his firm stand in favor of the immediate use of antidiphtheritic serum, against a strong public sentiment, which saved the life of a beautiful nine-year-old girl. This, by the way was, we believe, the first time this great life saver was used in Yolo County.

It is the good fortune of those of us who still remain, to have the life, the works and the example of this modest benefactor as our heritage and inspiration. We mourn with all who knew and loved this benevolent man.

"A kind, true heart, a spirit high,  
That could not fear and would not bow  
Were written in his manly eye  
And on his manly brow.

He kept his honesty and truth,  
His independent tongue and pen,  
And moved in manhood as in youth  
Pride of his fellow men."

To Doctor Briggs' relatives we tender our affectionate sympathy.

YOLO-COLUSA MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Committee: H. D. Lawhead.

Fred R. Fairchild.

### Clifford Hugh Brooks

Resolutions upon the death of Clifford Hugh Brooks, M. D., passed by the Orange County Medical Society at called session, December 6, 1927:

Whereas, In the infinite mercy of Almighty God it has pleased Him to remove from our midst a friend and coworker, in the person of Dr. Clifford Hugh Brooks. Wherefore, we assemble together at this hour to honor his memory and worth, while submitting ourselves to the dispensation of Divine Providence we desire to give expression of our sincere grief in the loss of a beloved associate and to pay our tribute of affection and esteem to one so deserving of our highest praise and commendation.

In his many years of successful practice Doctor Brooks exemplified the highest ethics of his profession, and his influence upon all with whom he came in contact will long endure. At the bedside, whether



among friends or strangers, his kindly and genial disposition won for him the esteem of all.

When overtaken by illness in the active discharge of his chosen line of service to humanity he patiently submitted to his fate with a cheerful spirit until the end. For him there is no more endurance or suffering, but to the bereft family and friends, who mourn his going we offer the condolence of those who partake of a full share in the grief of separation.

Doctor Brooks' death is a great loss to the profession; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Orange County Medical Society express its realization of the loss that our society has sustained in the death of our beloved coworker and esteemed fellow citizen and our personal friend.

Resolved, That we extend to his wife and family our sincere sympathy.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Association and a copy presented to the family, also a copy be furnished the press.

## NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

W. M. EDWARDS.....	President
G. F. SMITH.....	First Vice-President
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HORACE J. BROWN.....	Secretary-Treasurer
R. P. ROANTREE, D. A. TURNER, S. K. MORRISON.....	Trustees

### NEWS ITEMS

On January 10, the Elko County Medical Society held its annual dinner and election of officers for 1928 at the Mayar Hotel, Elko. The following officers were elected: R. P. Roantree, president; W. A. Shaw, vice-president; John E. Worden, secretary-treasurer; C. W. Eastman, censor. It was voted to invite at two to four meetings during the year some distinguished outside physicians to make addresses before the society.

The staff of the Elko General Hospital at a recent meeting elected the following as officers for 1928: C. E. Secor, chief of staff; John E. Worden, vice of staff; W. A. Shaw, secretary. The staff voted to request the county commissioners to build a nurses' home so that rooms now occupied by nurses in the hospital may be available for patients.

## UTAH STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

W. R. CALDERWOOD, Salt Lake.....	President
E. H. SMITH, Ogden.....	President-Elect
FRANK B. STEELE, Salt Lake.....	Secretary
J. U. GIESY, 701 Medical Arts Building, Salt Lake.....	Associate Editor for Utah

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

**Goiter Survey Is Partly Done**—Eighty per cent of the school children of the state, or 110,000 children, have been examined in a survey of the goiter situation in Utah, or about 25 per cent of the total population.

The survey was conducted under the direction of Dr. T. B. Beatty, state health commissioner, and was made by Dr. James Wallace, epidemiologist of the board.

As to samples of water for drinking purposes, that from Milford in Beaver County was the only sample found to contain enough iodine, and this water was obtained from wells 450 feet deep.

The report says that "in general there was found to be a higher incidence of thyroid enlargement among those dwelling near mountain ranges, which exist in great abundance in Utah. These localities almost universally obtain their water supply from mountain streams, which carry down snow water that has had little contact with the soil and, consequently, scant opportunity of taking anything out of the soil, even if the soil contained it. Localities farther from the mountains obtain their water to a much greater extent

out of the soil through shallow, deep or driven artesian wells. In those districts, especially near the center of a depression between the mountains, the incidence of goiter was found to be very much less.

The percentage of goiter among the children examined in the different school districts of the state ranged from 26.3 per thousand population to 83.5 per thousand.

**Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Two Salt Lake School Children Are Immunized Against Diphtheria**—Eleven thousand nine hundred twenty-two school children in Salt Lake have been immunized against diphtheria in the campaign launched about a month ago, Dr. W. A. Pettit, city epidemiologist, reported Thursday to G. N. Child, superintendent of schools.

The cost to the Board of Health was 22½ cents a child, a cost considered moderate by the board, the report said.

The campaign is being continued for the benefit of those who have not yet received treatment, clinic being maintained at the Board of Health in the Public Safety Building each Saturday between 9 and 11 o'clock.

The superintendent said that all children who have not been immunized would be urged to appear at the Board of Health at the hours designated.

### SOCIETY REPORTS

**The Holy Cross Hospital Clinical Association** held its last meeting for 1927 at the hospital the evening of December 21. The program consisted of case reports and a series of x-ray plates demonstrating the results gained in gall-bladder conditions by the Graham technique. Doctor Flood presented several interesting pathological specimens. Election of officers for 1928 resulted in the unanimous choice of Dr. Arthur Murphy, president, and Dr. George N. Curtis, secretary. The Association now has a membership of forty-two, and Doctor Curtis is planning some very interesting programs for the ensuing meetings the first of which will be held January 16. All members of the profession are invited to attend these meetings.

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**The Wasatch Academy** resumed its weekly meetings on January 5, 1928, following the holiday vacation. The program consisted of a lecture on gastric resection following a modified Pola technique and using the new mechanical stomach sewing instrument now employed in stomach resections in Europe. The talk was illustrated with lantern slides by Dr. Floyd Hatch. Doctor Le Barge spoke on the differential diagnosis of angina pectoris and coronary thrombosis, and recited a case history of each, showing difference in symptoms, prognosis and course. Doctor Giesy spoke on some of the recent developments in physiotherapy and reported a number of cases with technique employed. Meetings weekly—Thursdays.

### DEATH

**Stringham, Briant.** Dr. Briant Stringham, 74, died at his home at Bountiful, Tuesday, December 13. He was a member of the first graduating class of the University of Utah and had been a practicing physician in the county thirty-five years.

Surviving are his widows, Mrs. Jessie Eldredge Stringham and Mrs. Elvina Smith Stringham, and the following children: Mrs. Delia Sessions, Briant Jr., Jex, Rodney, Golden, Leone, Helen Stringham, Bountiful; Mrs. Lucy S. Taylor, Kayville; Harvey Stringham, St. Louis; brothers and sisters, Henry, Richard and William Stringham, Bountiful; George Stringham, Moroni; Henry Stringham, Salt Lake; Philip Stringham, Vernal; Mrs. Julia Woolley, Santa Monica, Cal.; Mrs. Philly Grant, Mesa, Ariz.; Mrs. Almeda Johnson, Mrs. Jane Stephenson and Mrs. Emma Stevens, Holden, and Mrs. Teresa Giles, Salt Lake. Funeral services were held in the Bountiful tabernacle.